

## Crisis Preparedness, Response, and Recovery

**About SHPPS:** SHPPS is a national survey periodically conducted to assess school health policies and programs at the state, district, school, and classroom levels. Comprehensive results from SHPPS 2006 are published in the *Journal of School Health*, Volume 77, Number 8, October 2007.

### Health Services

During the 2 years preceding the study:

- 87.8% of states and 60.1% of districts provided funding for staff development or offered staff development on emergency preparedness to school nurses.
- 83.6% of school health services coordinators who served as study respondents received staff development on emergency preparedness.

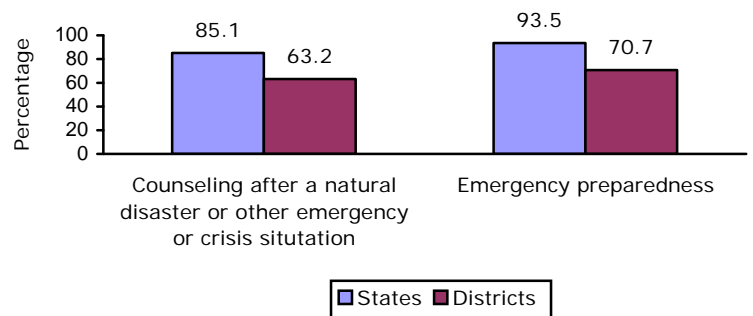
### Mental Health and Social Services

- 94.2% of schools provided counseling when needed after a natural disaster or other emergency or crisis situation.

During the 2 years preceding the study:

- 79.1% of school mental health and social services coordinators who served as study respondents received staff development on counseling after a natural disaster or other emergency or crisis situation.
- 75.4% of school mental health and social services coordinators who served as study respondents received staff development on emergency preparedness.

**Percentage of States and Districts That Provided Funding for Staff Development or Offered Staff Development on Crisis Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Topics to School Mental Health and Social Services Staff During the 2 Years Preceding the Study**



### Nutrition Services

During the 2 years preceding the study:

- 66.0% of states and 72.2% of districts provided funding for staff development or offered staff development on emergency preparedness to school nutrition services staff.
- 60.4% of school food service managers who served as study respondents received staff development on emergency preparedness.

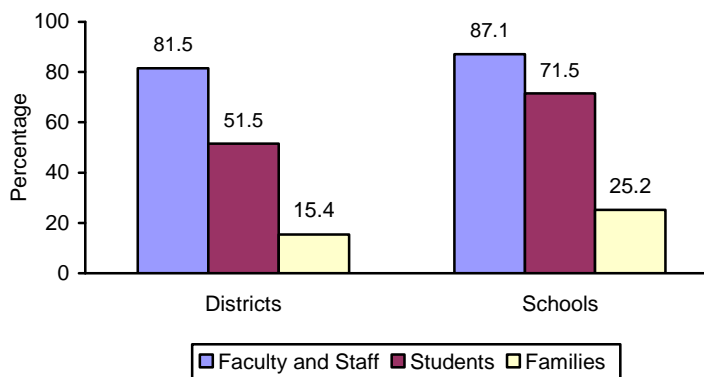
### Healthy and Safe School Environment

- 92.2% of states required districts or schools and 84.2% of districts required schools to have a comprehensive plan to address crisis preparedness, response, and recovery in the event of a natural disaster or other emergency or crisis situation.
- 95.3% of districts had a comprehensive plan to address crisis preparedness, response, and recovery.
- 87.8% of state education agencies were members of the state emergency planning committee (i.e., a group of agencies that coordinates crisis preparedness, response, and recovery efforts).

## Healthy and Safe School Environment (continued)

- 56.3% of districts and 46.9% of schools were members of a group of local agencies that coordinates crisis preparedness, response, and recovery efforts.
- 50.2% of schools were designated to serve as staging areas or community shelters during local emergencies.
- To address crisis preparedness, response, and recovery in the event of a natural disaster or other emergency or crisis situation, 41.4% of schools had their own plan, 41.2% used a district-level plan that had been adapted to meet the school's needs, 14.5% used a plan provided by the district, and 2.9% of schools did not have a plan.

**Among Districts and Schools with a Crisis Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Plan, Percentage That Provided Funding for Training or Offered Training on the Plan to Specific Groups During the 2 Years Preceding the Study**



<b>Percentage of States That Required Districts and Schools to Include, Percentage of Districts That Required Schools to Include, and Percentage of Schools That Included Specific Topics in Their Crisis Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Plan*</b>			
Topic	States	Districts	Schools
Evacuation plans	78.0	83.2	96.3
Requirements to conduct regular emergency drills other than fire drills	69.4	75.4	87.5
Procedures to stop people from leaving or entering school buildings (i.e., lockdown plans)	68.0	79.7	95.3
Requirements to periodically review and revise emergency response plans	66.0	75.5	90.0
Provisions for students and staff with special needs	65.3	77.4	81.4
Mechanisms for communicating with school personnel	64.6	82.9	94.0
Establishment of an incident command system	63.3	75.1	89.2
Plans to seek immediate shelter and remain in that area during a chemical, biological, or radiological emergency rather than evacuating (i.e., shelter-in-place plans)	61.2	71.6	86.4
Procedures for responding to media inquiries	60.0	80.2	89.0
Mechanisms for communicating the plan to students' families	59.2	73.8	83.4
Procedures to control the exterior of the building and school grounds	56.0	71.2	84.6
Provision of mental health services for students, faculty, and staff after a crisis has occurred (e.g., to treat post-traumatic stress disorder)	55.3	73.0	82.2
Plans to resume normal activities after buildings or facilities have been damaged	48.9	61.1	65.3
Family reunification procedures	47.9	65.3	79.4

\*Defined as a comprehensive plan to address crisis preparedness, response, and recovery in the event of a natural disaster or other emergency or crisis situation.

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